Revival of PSUs under Ministry of Industry

4158. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have not yet issued appropriate communication pursuant to direction of the BIFR to Operating Agencies for the preparation of Revival Schemes for some of the Public Sector Undertakings which come under Ministry of Industry's administrative jurisdiction;

(b) whether it is also a fact that lack of Memorandum of Understanding between these companies and Government has been worsening the work culture despite stress of the managements which are unable to mobilise essential inputs and raw materials on time;

(c) whether Government's non-plan fundings for wage payments are wasted unless these companies are given proper assistance and planned funds; and

(d) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) As per the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985 (SICA), the BIFR directs the Operating Agency for preparation of schemes with respect to the sick company for reconstruction, revival, rehabilitation, amalgamation change-over of management, sale or lease of Sick Industrial company, as considered appropriate.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d). Financial assistance is being provided by the Government to the Public Sector Undertakings based on the projected requirement and keeping in view the overall resource position. A total provision of Rs. 168.20 crores has been made in the 1994-95 budget for units referred to BIFR which includes Rs. 68.31 crores under the Non-plan head, Rs. 78.50 crores for VRS and Rs. 21.39 crores for plan programmes.

Manufacture of Mercedes Benz cars in India

4159. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given its approval to the proposal for establishment of a Joint Venture Company between Mercedes Benz of Germany and TELCO for manufacturing Mercedes Benz passenger cars at a new plant in Pune, Maharashtra;

(b) whether an agreement in this regard has been signed, if so, what are the terms and conditions of the agreement;

(c) by when the project is likely to come up; and

(d) what will be its annual capacity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per Goverment approval, the Joint Venture will have 51% equity participation by M/s. Daimler Benz, the holding company of Mercedes Benz of Germany and the balance 49% will be contributed by M/s. TELCO. The joint venture will pay Mercedes Benz a lump sum technical know-how fee of DM 56.6 million (Approximately Rs. 110 crores), net of taxes and royalty @ 2.75% (Gross) on sales of cars & on spare engines/gear boxes supplied to TELCO for their vehicles sold domestically and @ 5.5% on those engines and gear boxes which are fitted on TELCO vehicles for export. The joint venture envisages export of 50% of its production.

(c) The assembly of cars using imported kits is expected to commence in the first quarter of 1995. The commerical production is anticipated to commence by July, 1996.

(d) The annual capacity of the joint venture will be to produce 20,000 cars. The joint venture will also produce 30,000 additional engines & gear boxes for use by TELCO on its lighter range of vehicles.

Joint venture for manufacture of glass containers

4160. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the setting up of a Joint Venture to manufacture glass containers for use in the pharmaceuticals, soft drinks and liquor industries in collaboration with Ballarpur Industries Ltd. and Owens Illinois of the U.S.A.;

(b) whether Licence has been issued to start the unit in India to this foreign firm; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Permission has been granted on 17.3.94 to M/s. Bilt for foreign collaboration with M/s. Owens Illinois Inc., USA/its susidiaries for manufacture of glass containers with foreign equity participation of 51% amounting to Rs. 62.60 corores in the paid up capital of Rs. 122.75 crores.

(b) The item is delicensed under the New Industrial Policy, 1991. No industrial licence has, therefore, been issued to the foreign firm. However, a new company of the name of M/s. Owens Bilt Ltd. has been incorporated to implement the project. Accordingly, the FC approval letter dated 16.3.94 has been transferred in the name of the new company, who have submitted Information Memoranda for this purpose. However, M/s. Ballarpur Industries Ltd., the Indian collaborators, in the project have been issued a Letter of Intent due to locational angle involved.

(c) The proposal conforms to the broad parameters of the existing industrial policy.

औद्योगिक तथा वित्तीय पुनर्निर्माण बोर्ड के पास लंबित मामले

4161. **श्री राम जेठमलानी:** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि निजी तथा सरकारी क्षेत्र के रुग्ण उद्योगों के पुनरुद्धार हेतु अनेक मामले औद्योगिक तथा वित्तीय पुनर्निर्माण बोर्ड के विचाराधीन हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो अप्रैल, 1994 तक ऐसे मामलों की कुल संख्या कितनी थी;

(ग) इनमें से ऐसे मामलों की संख्या कितनी है, जो निर्णय के लिए दो वर्षों से भी अधिक समय से लंबित हैं;

(घ) क्या सरकार रुग्ण उद्योगों के मामलों के निर्णय में होने वाले विलम्ब को देखते हुए वर्तमान बोर्ड के कार्यकरण में सुधार करने की आवश्यकता अनुभव कर रही है;

(ङ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(च) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में सरकार द्वारा की जाने वाली भावी कार्यवाही की विस्तृत रूपरेखा क्या है?

उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती कृष्णा साही) (क) से (च) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभापटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Money spent on tours of workmen of Instrumentation Ltd.

4162. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 4941 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th April, 1994 and to state:

(a) the definition of the 'official tours' making Workers entitled for T.A. from the Company for tours and the way that covered the specific tour mentioned;